Form PTO-1083 Patent Case Docket No. NIT-394 In RE application of Group Art Unit: 2167 Serial No.: 10/646,7,75 A METHOD FOR RETRIEVING DOCUMENTS K.M. Lovel Examiner: For: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. Small entity of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below: OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY (Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY (Col. 2) (Col. 1) Additional Additional OR Rate Claims Highest No. Present Rate Fee Previously Extra Fee Remaining After Paid For Amendment X 50 \$ 20 X 25 6 Minus Total \$ X 200 \$ X 100 *** Indep. Minus X 360 \$ X 180 \$ First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims OR Total **Total** \$ If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in col. 3. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write '20' in this space. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write '3' in this space. The 'Highest Number Previously Paid For' (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior Amendment or the number of claims originally filed. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1417 in the amount of \$\frac{\$}{2}\$ A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$_____ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Appendix including amended drawing figure, Fig. 6, is attached following page 9 of this paper.